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The shortage of pastors also in our Synod is strikingly illustrated by the fact that at the end of September there were thirteen parishes in the Manitoba and Saskatchewan District without a pastor. Since there are only fifty-three parishes in the District, the vacancies in twenty-five per cent of them are a matter of grave concern to our Church.

Lutheran Education, continuing the *Schulblatt* of former years and the late *Lutheran School Journal,* began its eighty-third volume with the September issue. A new and very attractive cover reflects the progress of our Church's efforts in education. A more readable type than was formerly used is another improvement. Every education-minded member of our Church, and this includes the laymen in particular, will find that he receives a rich return by investing $2.50 in a subscription to *Lutheran Education.*

A Brooklyn, N. Y., survey indicates that seventy-five per cent of the local Jewish population has no connection with any synagog, and this in an area where more than one third of the people are Jews.

Miss Lydia Wiebusch at the close of the last school year completed twenty-five years of teaching the first grade at the school of Saint John's Lutheran Church, Chester, Ill., the Rev. H. C. Schreck, pastor. The congregation showed its appreciation by arranging a special afternoon service, followed by a banquet attended by about 250 members. Miss Wiebusch as teacher gave 765 pupils their start in education. Among the gifts of gratitude was one of $330 from former pupils and members of the congregation. Beginning this fall, Miss Wiebusch is teaching at St. Paul's Lutheran School, Royal Oak, Mich.

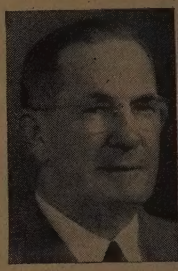
Luther Institute, Chicago, Ill., began its new school year on Sept. 3 with an enrollment of 700 students. The lack of facilities to accommodate such a large group made it necessary to hold four opening services simultaneously.

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Hale Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. With the exception of the first seven years, the Rev. Arthur Brunn, D. D., Second Vice-President of Synod, has been pastor of the congregation during the half century of its existence.

"Only the thoughtless do not honor Mary, the mother of Jesus," Msgr. August J. Sprigler, Roman Catholic priest and pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Evansville, Ind., declared at a dinner of Northern Kentucky Chapter, Te Deum International, according to the *Cincinnati Enquirer.* So far we have no quarrel with him. But the paper quotes him as further saying: "Mary was the woman who would undo the wrong done in Paradise by Mother Eve. Mary was the woman who would crush the serpent's head, and the serpent must lie in wait for her heel. Eve took the fruit from the tree and led us astray. Mary must offer her son upon the tree for our salvation." We would say, first, that the Monsignor's Hebrew must have gotten a little rusty, and, secondly, that if we ever had any doubts about the idolatrous worship of the Virgin in the Roman Catholic Church, they have now been dispelled.

Twenty-Nine Children Baptized in Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Litchfield, Ill., on Sept. 21 by Pastor J. L. Strelow as the climax of a mission-minded congregation's efforts. First came the canvass which led to the establishment of a mission Sunday school in the basement of a member of the congregation. All the children who responded came from unchurched homes. Ultimately the mission Sunday school was combined with the regular Sunday school and transportation provided. Incidentally, the baptismal service took place on the Sunday before the congregation observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pastor Strelow's ordination. He regards the Baptism of these children as one of the biggest days in the quarter century of his ministry

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Home for Children and Old Folks which our Slovak brethren are erecting on a sixty-one-acre tract near Slavia, Fla., took place Aug. 24. The first two units, one for orphans and the other for aged people, will be constructed immediately at a cost of $113,280. Mr. Ferdinand Duda, representing the family of Mr. Andrew Duda and sons, the original donor of the land and of the gift for both buildings, turned the first spadeful of soil.



C. H. Ahrens

Mr. C. H. Ahrens, a member of our church at Pine Bluff, Ark., has not only given liberally for the establishment of a Lutheran mission among the Negroes of Memphis, but has been the main contributor to the splendid co-operative school dedicated in that city last summer.

The first Christian day school of our Church in the State of Rhode Island was opened this fall by St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Pawtucket, the Rev. A. Hawlicheck, pastor. The twenty pupils who are enrolled in the first two grades are taught in the Sunday school rooms.

A fine example of Christian stewardship was set this summer by the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Seven Mile Road at Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich., when it sent the following letter to Peace Lutheran Chapel, Wyandotte, Mich.: "When the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany celebrated its thirtieth anniversary, they set aside a sum of $500 from the anniversary collection to be distributed to the five newest missions in the metropolitan area. Enclosed please find our check for $100 to be used either for your building fund, Communion vessels, or any other supplies which are necessary to help you in your work. The Christians of our congregation wish you God's richest blessings." The letter bore the signature of the Rev. E. T. Bernthal, pastor of the Ev. Lutheran Church of the Epiphany.

G. V. S.

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Editorial

Fellowship in the Gospel

St. Paul in the Epistle for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity thanks God for the "fellowship in the Gospel" which the Philippian church had manifested. This is the theme of the Propers for this day, with special reference to the exercise of the spirit of forgiveness, as emphasized in the Introit and the Gospel. The Gradual further shows that this fellowship is impossible without unity: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." This fellowship, this spirit of forgiveness, this unity — these are blessings for which we ought to pray much and often, remembering that without the divine favor we cannot have or keep these gifts, and also remembering that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." So we pray in the Collect:

O God, our Refuge and Strength, who art the Author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

W. G. P.

Luther Takes Thievery Apart

In spite of many, many changes that have taken place in the world surrounding us in the course of centuries, and particularly in recent times, human nature has not changed. Neither has the Word of God. Therefore, what men of God have written in accordance with Scripture, even centuries ago, still holds good today. In his Large Catechism — it would be well if people would read it * — Luther, in explaining the Commandment: "Thou shalt not steal," says that theft is such a common sin "that if all who are thieves and yet do not wish to be called such were to be hanged on gallows, the world would soon be devastated, and there would be a lack both of executioners and gallows." This will not seem to be an exaggerated statement when we read what Luther says of the conditions of his own time and then compare them with conditions today. It is a proverbial saying that little thieves are hanged, while the big thieves go free. Luther spares none of them, but makes them all sit for their picture before the mirror of God's commandment. He speaks of the "swivel-chair robber," who "openly defrauds another with bad merchandise, false measures, weights, coins, and by nimbleness and queer finances or dexterous tricks." Then he speaks of those of whom he says that they are "worse than sneak thieves," to wit, "mechanics, workmen, and day laborers, who all follow their wanton notions and never know enough ways to overcharge people, while they are lazy and unfaithful in their work." "Against these," he says, "no one can guard, no one dare even look awry at them or accuse them of theft, so that one would ten times rather lose from his purse. For here are my neighbors, good friends, my own servants, from whom I expect good, faithful, and diligent service, who defraud me first of all."

As a summary of what God demands in His commandment, Luther says: "Let everyone know that it is his duty, at the risk of God's displeasure, not only to do no injury to his neighbor, nor to deprive him of gain, nor to perpetrate any act of unfaithfulness or malice in any bargain or trade, but faithfully to preserve his property for him, to secure and promote his advantage, especially when one accepts money, wages, and one's livelihood for such service."

We shall never be able to change the evil ways of the world unless this be done by means of the Word of God. Nor have we any promise that the whole world will be converted to Christianity. But Christian people should not walk in the ways of the world; they cannot conform their life to this world and preserve a good conscience before God. They should also set a good example to others. Therefore Christian merchants and other businessmen will not in any way defraud, but be honest in their dealings with others. And mechanics, day laborers, and all such workmen will not be lazy and unfaithful, but will give an honest day's work for an honest day's wage.

J. H. C. F.

Reformation Day and the Roman Catholic Church

The correct Lutheran evaluation of Reformation Day as well as proper criticism of the Roman Catholic Church were two topics on which the Rev. W. C. Birkner, Central District Stewardship Secretary, had some very sound statements in the District's Bulletin. They read as follows:

"October 31 is really *the* red-letter day for the Lutheran Church. When Luther posted his Theses on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg on the last day of October in 1517, it was the birthday of the Reformation. Or we may refer to October 31 as Emancipation Day, for it marks the first step taken publicly to free the Church from the tyrannical slavery that had been exercised over the consciences of men through the misinterpretation and misapplication of Scripture on the part of the Pope throughout the Middle Ages. But whatever we may wish to call October 31, the pulse of every Lutheran should beat faster on this day, and his head should be lifted just a bit higher in gratitude to God, who hath done marvelous things through His servant Martin Luther.

"This does not mean that we are to occupy our time in casting slurs upon the Catholic Church and her individual members because of her peculiar customs or because of occasional deviations from the path of rectitude of which her members become guilty. Undoubtedly the motivation of a practicing Catholic in preferring fish to ham on Friday is faulty; but that is not the main point at issue between Catholicism and Lutheranism. And while it is to be deplored that vice replaces

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virtue in occasional scandalous episodes that come to public attention in the Church of Rome, we must admit in fairness that such regrettable occurrences are not unknown among Protestants either. We inflict no telling blow upon the Antichrist — the Pope — by poking fun or endorsing whispering campaigns. The Catholic Church is truly vulnerable wherever and whenever she dishonors the Lord Jesus Christ by perverting or hiding His Word. That is basic. False doctrine was the primary object of Luther's attack, and his weapon was the Word of God. The false doctrine prevalent in the Catholic Church today must continue to engage our present attention. For the Church of Rome never changes. She accommodates herself, where she must, to the customs and laws of the land, but fundamentally her doctrines contain the same errors which aroused Luther and made him, under God, the great Reformer."

G. V. S.

Our Six-Year-Old Murderers

Two infants, 8 and 9 weeks old, were found dying on the night of June 6 in their nursery beds on Massillon (Ohio) Hospital's fourth floor. Both babies had their heads smashed in. A 6-year-old child patient confessed that both infants were killed while he "played doctor" with them.

A 2-month-old girl was killed June 29 when she was pushed out of a third-floor window of Sydenham Hospital by two other children in New York City. Two boys, aged 8 and 3, admitted that they pushed the child from the window. They were patients at the hospital also.

A child, 4 years old, is reprimanded by a sister aged 8, gets a shotgun, loads it with a shell, and discharges it against his sister's body, who died shortly after. This happened at Waukegan, Ill., Sept. 2.

At Louisville, Ky., 2 golden-haired, blue-eyed sisters, 9 years old, and 8, broke a dining-room window in a neighbor's home and, gaining entrance, smashed two sets of dishes, emptied the refrigerator contents on the floor, scattered the contents of drawers and bedclothing on a bedroom floor, plastered some domestic animals with green paint. On inquiry it developed that the neighbor had often fed the girls cookies. Officers said the children's parents were separated. The grandparents offered to pay all damages.

Two boys of 6 set fire to the Shepard School in St. Louis, causing damage estimated at $1,100. Igniting a can of paint thinner, they set fire to the contents of several rooms.

We wonder how much of this crime not of "juveniles," but of little children, is to be attributed to the welter of gangster-murder-racket drama that pours from airways practically all evening every day of the year. The *Globe-Democrat* of St. Louis says that the comic magazines "often are bad enough. Newspapers have something to answer for in certain of their crime-wading 'funny' strips. But radio," it continues, "with its vivid appeal to the ear and emotions, is a far more potent influence." The paper then highlights the average crime story, and our readers will regard the description as accurate: "The air is rent by blood-curdling screams of victims. Bodies topple in their gore with brutal thuds. Sirens screech, guns bark, 'shivs' whistle through the air. The death rattle is a triumph of sound effects. Violence, felony, hijacking, clubbing, and torture flood into small ears. The fact that crime never pays is a sleazy condiment hauled in at the end of the show. Any 6-year-old knows the crime makes all the action and thrill."

This is a matter which our ladies' societies and men's clubs might well bring to the attention of local broadcasting stations.

G.

Is This a Man's World?

In our dailies we read repeatedly that the columnists advise women that this is indeed a man's world. If you read the history which reports the intimate life of the heathen, then you would come to the conclusion that this is a man's world. By that we mean to say that heathen men have subjected women to all manner of indignities and suffering. The story is too long and gruesome to be repeated here. However, all this has been changed through the Bible. Where the teaching of the Bible has made Christian men and women who submit themselves to the Lord's will there we see men and women considerate, bearing their burdens, rejoicing in their privileges and gifts, and grateful not only for God's blessings, but also for God's guidance. True, the flesh also shows itself in the children of God to be unlovely and selfish. Christian men and women also feel that contest of which Paul speaks: "The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh." But where the Word of God and prayer is in daily use, this old Adam will be crucified and daily die again with all sins and evil lusts, and a new man in the very beauty of holiness will arise to serve God, the gracious heavenly Father, with that service in that place which the Father has assigned to each.

For Christians it is not true that this is a man's world just as it is not a parents' world. It is not a children's world, although much can be said of the advantages of parents, of the advantages of children, of the advantages of men, and very much can also be said of the advantages of women. But for us Christians this is God's world, it is our heavenly Father's world. True, Satan, world, and flesh are active, doing their utmost to stir up trouble and misery for the children of God, but let them rage. God will see to it that in the end every knee must bow to Jesus, every tongue confess Him Lord. And then the Christian men, women, and children will live under Him in His kingdom in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

S.

A Baptist Reports on Copenhagen

Although more than ninety per cent of the inhabitants of Denmark are Lutherans and only a small portion of the others are Baptists, these Baptists chose to hold their world convention in Copenhagen. Did they wish to impress those Lutherans with the numerical strength of the Baptists?

Upon his return to this country one of the Baptists writes that he found the people of Denmark to have little spiritual religion. But we ask, Can a man form an adequate picture of the religious life of a nation by visiting one of its cities for a few days only?

Against this man's opinion we, who lived in Copenhagen for weeks, can testify that we saw the churches of Copenhagen crowded. The Lutheran Cathedral, which seats two thousand, was so well attended that we had difficulty in finding seats. Moreover, we lived among the people and noted that even in some boarding houses morning devotions were conducted. We toured the city, also the section inhabited by the poor, we saw no drunkenness or disorderly conduct. In that large city of more than a million inhabitants, Copenhagen, there is no slum district. Altogether we can state that we never saw more orderly, kind, and sane people than we met in the Scandinavian countries. The Baptists will have a difficult time in persuading many of these that there is a difference between getting a person under the water and getting the water over the person. These people have the Bible, good preachers, Luther's Catechisms, and good books of devotion. Living among them, one sees the fruits of this teaching in their orderly, sober lives, church attendance, and the Christian education of their young. And the war has even increased their interest in religion.

S.

Christian Education Week

By JOHN H. C. FRITZ, St. Louis, Mo.

The week of November 9—15 has been chosen as Christian Education Week. Every year we set aside one Sunday known as Mission Festival Sunday. We thereby mean to emphasize the fact that the Church is to be a missionary Church and that Christians should *at all times* keep in mind their missionary opportunities and responsibilities. Even so in setting aside a week known as Christian Education Week we emphasize the importance and far-reaching effect of Christian education which the Church and individual Christians, especially parents, should *always* keep in mind. When we speak of Christian education, we are using the word in the wider sense. We are not thinking only of the Christian education of children, but also of our young people and of adults; and not only of those within the Church, but also of those without. Christian Education Week, therefore, is to serve a twofold purpose: First, we are reminded of the importance of Christian education as far as the members of our churches are concerned, and that along all age levels. Secondly, we are reminded of the fact that there are seventeen million children in this country who attend no Sunday school and no church, and that there are many young people and adults without church connection. One half or more of our population is unchurched. In recent years youth delinquency (actually it is parental delinquency) has reached dimensions the like of which has not been reached during our lifetime, nor perhaps during any time in the history of our country. The average age of those guilty of crime and misdemeanors has reached downward, until it is now in the youth bracket. That is a sad state of affairs in a nation often referred to as a Christian nation, and in which the Church had a very prominent place in the early settlements of our country.

Faculty and Graduates of Lutheran Academy, Selma, Ala.

Our Synod has from its very beginning established Christian schools for its children. Of late years our Synod more than ever has emphasized systematized Christian education for all age groups.

In His Word the Lord makes it a duty of Christian parents to give their children a Christian training. The Lord says: "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children," Deut. 6:6-7. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Prov. 22:6. "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," Eph. 6:4. Concerning adolescents and adults the Lord says that they should be "no more children tossed to and fro, carried about by every wind of doctrine," Eph. 4:14, but, "be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God," Col. 1:9-10. The Corinthians are well spoken of because they "abounded in faith and utterance and knowledge," 2 Cor. 8:7. The Bereans are given us as an example, inasmuch as they "searched the Scriptures daily," Acts 17:11. Thus all Christians should "let the Word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom," Col. 3:16.

Christian education should be Christ-centered; otherwise it is not Christian. The purpose of the Bible, and therefore of the Christian religion, is "to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus," 2 Tim. 3:15.

The last directive our Lord gave His disciples was the command: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," Matt. 28:19-20.

The strength of a church consists not in its numbers, but in its well-indoctrinated laity. Christian education at all age levels should have a prominent place on the program of every Christian congregation, not forgetting to extend it to those without the Church, both children and adults.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Locksley, Ontario, Canada, conducted a very successful vacation Bible school this past July. "Even though this congregation is a rural congregation, it certainly intends to have a bigger and even better school next year." H. Huth, pastor

Men's and Women's Bible Classes of St. Stephen's Church, Hickory, N. C., the Rev. H. C. Scherer, Pastor
There Are Besides Two Bible Classes for Young People
St. Stephen's Church has 611 communicant members and an enrollment of 264 adults in its Bible classes

Reformation Day, Oct. 31, 1947

On the occasion of the great Luther celebration of 1917, the Quadricentennial of the Reformation, Professor Stalker, D. D., wrote the following description of the Wittenberg celebration of the Quadricentennial of Luther's birth in 1883. The narrative reflects the true Protestant valuation of the Reformer and contains poignant references to the land of the Reformation as in 1917 so in 1947. We owe the account of Dr. Stalker to the thoughtfulness of Dr. Wm. Dallmann of Oak Park, Ill.

The Luther celebration of October 31, 1817, made so deep a mark on the national mind that it is constantly mentioned in books on Church History as among the causes of the revival of religion which formed a feature of the first half of the last century. . . .

It chanced that the present writer in 1883 formed one of a delegation from several of the Churches in Great Britain which went to Wittenberg to participate in the celebration of the Reformer's birth. It proved to be an enjoyable and memorable occasion. Many thousands were present; and the enthusiasm was unbounded, displaying itself at every opportunity in the spontaneous singing of Luther's hymn, "A safe stronghold our God is still." The Imperial Court was represented by the Crown Prince Frederick, father of the present Kaiser — a man of singularly noble presence, every inch a king — and he conversed long and graciously in English with the representatives from the British Isles. The greatest orators of the country were there, including such well-known names as Koestlin, Beyschlag and Koegel. But the favourite was the Berlin garrison-preacher Frommel, who experienced that day a rare triumph; for, having to return to town in the evening, he glanced up at the steeple, to see the time, after he had spoken about an hour in the open air; but ten thousand voices instantly shouted to him from every part of the square, "Do not stop!" Perhaps more interesting, however, was Court-preacher Stoecker, then at the zenith of his fame. In appearance he bore not a little resemblance to Luther himself; and, when he said that Germany was a steed which few could ride, but that Luther knew the way, all felt that he knew the way too. . . .

As 1917 drew near it was certain that there would be many competitors in this country for the honour and pleasure of renewing the homage rendered to Germany's great Reformer.

Despite the war* the various Presbyterian bodies, at their annual Synods or General Assemblies, in the early part of this year, agreed to recommend to their ministers and Christian people the commemoration at the end of October of the great events in Luther's life. . . .

Outdoor Life for the Undernourished
Long periods of rest are prescribed. Army cots are provided by our Church

Unquestionably the most significant incident of all was his appearance at the Diet of Worms, when, in the presence of the principalities and powers of both Church and State, he took his stand on conscience and the Word of God, throwing off the authority of popes and councils. . . . Everything of supreme importance in the centuries since was implicit in that hour — April 18, 1521. . . .

Luther was a hero, if ever there was one. . . .

At the Wartburg Luther translated the Bible, and a masterpiece was produced. Luther belongs to history, and his contribution to the progress of the world is an accomplished fact, which cannot be undone. . . . Luther's marriage "turned out to be one of the wisest steps of his whole life." . . . Luther has a sufficient title to honor in the gift to the world of three blessings — an open Bible, the worship of God in the language of the people, and the Protestant manse with wife and children. . . . There never was a prophet of righteousness who uttered his mind on such topics — as the Moral Law — more forcibly. . . . The more conscious any side is of its own share in such colossal folly — World War I — the less will it be inclined to exaggerate the guilt of another; and, the deeper the sense of guilt, the less distant will be the day of reconciliation. . . . We, who stand in need of repentance ourselves, hope yet to collaborate with a penitent Germany in bringing in the Kingdom of God. . . . Where Christian men or nations have allowed themselves to drift so far asunder, they can only hope to return effectively to one another through first returning to Him who is the fountain of wisdom, love and concord.

* 1917. First World War.

150,000 European Boys in Lutheran Camps

One of the special tasks of the Protestant Church of Germany is the work for its youth. Owing to the influence of Nazism and the lack of any religious education during the time of the regime, the German youth was estranged from the Church and left without any moral education. It will be the task of the future to win back this youth, giving them Christian fundamentals and preparing them for

Lutheran Boys in European High Altitude Camp, Morning Devotions

a life in Europe fraught with many difficulties.

A genuine solution in meeting this problem are the so-called Protestant youth camps established in various sections throughout Central Europe. These camps are under the supervision of the *Hilfswerk* and are provided for primarily through aid given by Lutheran Churches in America. Our Church, through its relief agency, the Emergency Planning Council, has of late become active in this work and has supplied many items, such as cots, kitchen utensils, and food.

These camps, generally situated in the mountains and hills of Southern Germany, are held during the summer and, wherever possible, also in winter. The youth is housed in tents or special barrack buildings for periods of two to four weeks. Their average age is 14—21 years.

Alongside the health cure and recreational facilities, Biblical instruction and religious training is carried on, in order to give these young men and women a stronger faith and greater Christian knowledge wherewith to fortify themselves in a hostile and trying world. The day's activities are opened with prayer and closed again with evening devotions. Regularly each day, for one hour, Lutheran hymns are sung and studied, and a portion of the New Testament is discussed. Recreational activities — hiking, light sports, swimming, and calisthenics — are offered. It has been estimated that in the summer of 1947 more than 150,000 boys, in many camps all over Europe, were provided for in this manner.

In the newly introduced "Units for Europe" plan of Synod adequate provisions have been made to provide even greater funds for the carrying out of similar youth programs in Europe during 1948. E. G.

Drs. J. W. Behnken and L. Meyer in Europe

Drs. J. W. Behnken and L. Meyer have embarked for Germany on the *S. S. Mauretania.* Their sailing date was Oct. 2.

Drs. Behnken and Meyer will be in Europe for several months. Their itinerary includes such important centers as Frankfurt, Berlin, Hannover, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Darmstadt, Munich, and others.

The purpose of their trip is to examine the benefits of European Relief efforts, to investigate various European problems, and to determine in what manner our Church may be of further physical and spiritual assistance to the stricken nations abroad. E. G.

The Lutheran Church in Czechoslovakia

By ANDREW DANIEL, Detroit, Mich.

EDITORIAL NOTE. — Rev. Daniel is president of the Slovak Ev. Lutheran Church.

II

Today, two years after the cessation of hostilities, the work of the Lutheran Church in Slovakia is again in full swing. For the first time since the war a full representation of the churches participated in the general convention. Reports from the various fields of activities were most encouraging. The Church is again fully active in publishing its religious periodicals. Reports from all corners of the land indicate that during the past two years congregations have worked strenuously to repair the damage done to their church properties. And during my visits to the various sections of Slovakia I became convinced that the people were willing to work and rebuild that which had been destroyed. In many localities the marks of war have already been removed. In other communities, on the highways and byways, one sees the industry of the people to make repairs and rebuild partially destroyed buildings or erect new ones. Yes, the Slovaks are an industrious people.

In Consultation at Lund, Sweden

Dr. S. C. Michelfelder, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, a minister of the American Lutheran Church, since July, 1946, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, with headquarters in Geneva, and Prof. Anders Nygren of the University of Lund, president of the Lutheran World Federation

But they are also an appreciative people. Although realizing that the Lord helps those who help themselves, they nevertheless appreciate the help which they received and still receive. Immediately after the conclusion of the war there was dire need of food, clothing, shoes, building materials, and farm and building equipment. In my contacts with the people I was repeatedly told that the help given them by the people of the United States, particularly through UNRRA and other agencies, church and civic, was a godsend and helped in the saving of many lives. This very generous and, as many told me, unmerited aid, permitted the Slovaks to make a fresh start on the road to recovery in rebuilding the country. And today there is probably no other country in central Europe which has made greater progress in recuperating from the effects of the war. The people of Slovakia have a mind to work.

Many things still remain to be done. Shortages of many articles that were in common use among the people are still apparent. Milk, butter, eggs, and fats are far short of what an undernourished people needs. But even in these commodities Slovakia is probably better situated than some of its neighboring countries. Necessities of life, however, are available, and for this the people are grateful.

I was particularly interested in seeing how the orphaned children were cared for. Therefore I made it a point to visit some of the Lutheran orphanages. I cannot but say that it is particularly these that need our prayers and our help. The buildings housing these children, as a rule, are in a good state of repair. But the equipment and furnishing often are rather antiquated. Dormitories house from ten to fifteen children. These are very simply furnished, containing cots or beds, a few pictures possibly decorating some of the walls. Upon closer inspection of these clean cots I was surprised to find that there were no springs to make slumbering a bit more comfortable. Plain, rough boards took the place of springs to support the mattress. The mattress was a plain sack stuffed with straw. A very simple bed, lacking the comfort to which our American children are accustomed. Each room is individually heated, the children themselves bringing in the short splittings of logs used for fuel. At best this method of heating is not very satisfactory, especially in such wintry weather as both they and we have experienced last winter. I had Sunday dinner with the children in one of these orphanages. Although it was a simple meal, yet it was nutritious and seemed to be ample to care for the hungry appetites. Led by the deaconess in charge, the children said grace before and after meals. The larger children helped with the serving and did the dishes. The older boys do such work in and around the buildings as is necessary and as they are able to do. Improvements at these orphanages would make life a bit more pleasant for the children who must depend upon the generosity of others.

LATEST WORLD RELIEF NEWS

On Sept. 11 our Church became a member of Church World Service. Affiliation with this group will greatly facilitate many bulk shipments of Synod's relief shipments.

6,300 pairs of shoes were bought for needy children in Europe.

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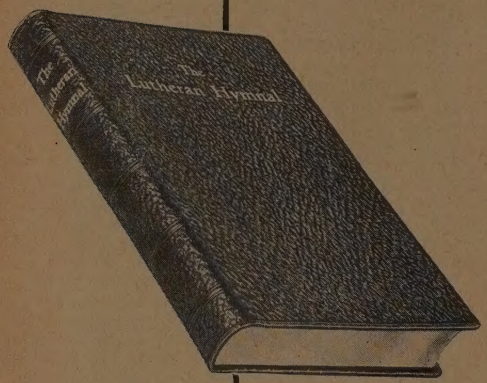

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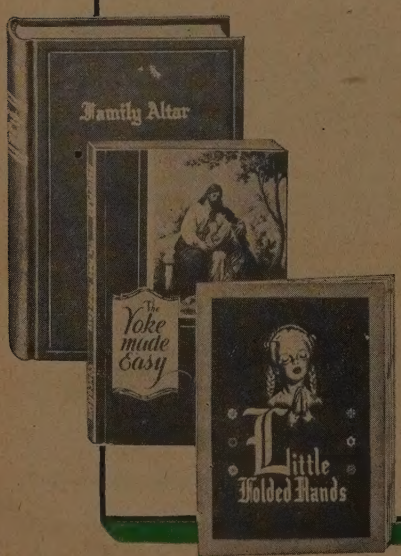

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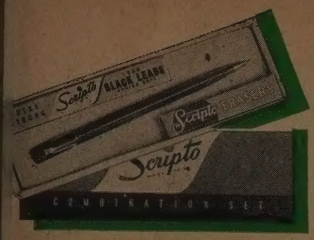

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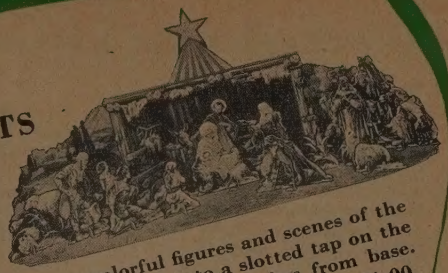

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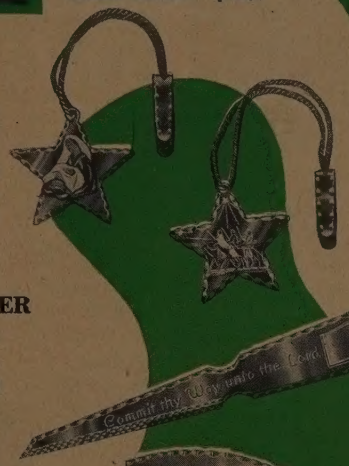

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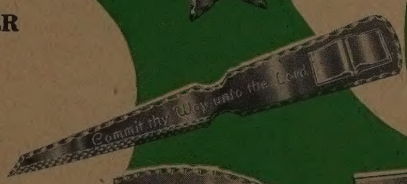

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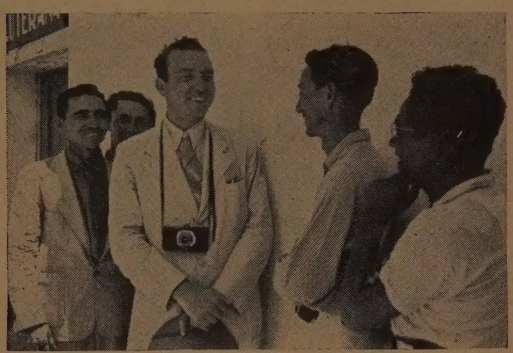
Work Begun in Guatemala

By B. J. PANKOW, Mexico

Although the surroundings were humble, the services were solemn and impressive as our first missionary to the country of Guatemala, the Rev. Robert F. Gussick, was installed as pastor of native congregations in the towns of Zacapa and Puerto Barrios, Aug. 18 and 19, respectively. The present writer, making the trip from Mexico City for the fourth time in the interest of the new field, officiated, assisted by his brother, Fred Pankow, a 1947 graduate from our St. Louis Seminary.



Committee of Zacapa Citizens Welcoming Pastor Gussick

Puerto Barrios, 200 miles north of Guatemala City, is a day's ride by rail. Zacapa, midway, is the noon-lunch stop. The trip is extremely scenic and interesting. Our train traversed deep canyons and thundered through tunnels with the coach windows wide open, as we descended from the cool 5,000-ft. altitude of Guatemala City to the hot and dry lowlands around Zacapa.

In Zacapa the installation service was conducted in a room of the white stucco home of Alfredo Vásquez. This room has been set apart to Lutheran worship for over a year and a half. Sr. Vásquez is a capable lay leader. He has read the Bible eight times and is well versed in the field of history, especially the Reformation period. For the second time he is taking his group through the synodical Catechism.

Before the service some 20 children sang a hymn of welcome to their new pastor. About 100 worshipers crowded into the "chapel." Some found seats in the patio; others stood in the doorway or looked through the window. One of the attendants had walked over 20 miles to be present. After the service a group accompanied us back over hilly cobblestone streets to the railroad hotel. While the men discussed the future work of the Kingdom in Zacapa, the children skipped along joyously singing hymns.

The following noon we left for Puerto Barrios and the Caribbean coast. As we traveled northward, we again viewed the steep mountains on every side of Zacapa. "In the foothills, some 20 miles to the west, is the village of Monte Grande," indicated the writer to his two companions, and then related how on two previous occasions he, in company with some 30 believers from Zacapa (who supplied the singing), had been privileged to proclaim the Gospel to 250 of the villagers in the patio of one of the homes.

Most of the way from Zacapa to Puerto Barrios the narrow gauge tracks wind along the crocodile-inhabited Motagua River. Occasionally we saw natives traveling on the river in their handmade dugouts or washing clothes along the banks. At every brief stop of the train vendors approached to sell regional fruits and other edibles to the passengers.

On the outskirts of Bananera, center of the United Fruit Company, Lawrence Perry, a colored Jamaican, boarded the train and excitedly searched for us. Having bought supplies at Bananera, he was returning to his home at Tenedores, 15 miles down the line. Almost a year ago the Rev. H. A. Mayer, assistant secretary of missions, and the writer had similarly met Perry. Now he greeted the three of us in English: "When I heard you would be on this train to Barrios, I jumped off the one I was on and waited an hour and a half for this one." For the next 20 minutes we chatted with him in one of the crowded second class coaches. He had longed to tell us of additional opportunities in Bananera. A little above the noise of the train he exclaimed to us: "Bananera too is waiting for the Lutheran pastor!" He reported that the Protestant chapel of the United Fruit Company was at our disposal and that as soon as we would begin services, he would publicize them. At Tenedores we parted company with him. Hastening to show us his home near the tracks, he waved farewell. The light train soon regained its speed.

As we neared the coast, the vegetation became more and more dense. At places it appeared as though a path had been cut through the jungle for us. Everywhere coconut palms towered over thousands of banana trees. "Barrios!" shouted the conductor, and from six to ten redcaps scrambled on the train while it was yet in motion. But we did not need their help; for our welcome committee relieved us of our luggage and escorted us to the Hotel Del Norte, which overlooks the sea.

Scene at Way Station in Guatemala

At night the Spanish installation service was repeated, this time under a thatched roof, for the heavy rains do not permit the stucco-and-tile constructions. The unscreened windows offered ready access to the malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Bethel was the name painted near the entrance of the chapel built for that purpose. Within, Bethel was decorated with palm branches and large tropical leaves. As at Zacapa, so here, the writer, basing his sermon on 1 Thess. 5:12-13, encouraged his Guatemalan hearers to esteem their new pastor very highly in love for his work's sake and to be at peace among themselves. Pastor Gussick kneeled on the dirt floor as the words of Acts 20:28 and Rom. 1:16 were said over him "with the laying on of hands."

After the services, both at Zapaca and at Puerto Barrios, Pastor Bussick cordially addressed his congregations in Spanish. His words received a warm response from men who arose and thanked God for at last hearing their prayers by sending them a Lutheran minister. In Barrios one Don Inés exclaimed: "This night my heart is celebrating a great fiesta!"

They Called Our Church to Guatemala

In front, leading men of Zacapa. In the back row our missionaries, l. to r.: Candidate Fred Pankow, the Rev. B. J. Pankow of Mexico, and the Rev. R. F. Gussick

In Puerto Barrios the Rev. Mr. Gussick will also serve a large number of colored people, whose mother tongue is English. It was impossible to arrange a service with them because of conflicting work at the docks. However, one of them, "Doc" Willoughby, of the United Fruit Dispensary and spiritual overseer of the group, welcomed Pastor Gussick in the name of his people.

Fred Pankow, who attended the summer sessions of the San Carlos University in Guatemala City is remaining in Puerto Barrios for a month to assist in the work, after which he is returning to the St. Louis Seminary for postgraduate studies.

A $3,600,000 BUDGET FOR 1948

The Fiscal Conference, made up of the President and a representative of each of the thirty-one Districts, the President and Vice-Presidents of Synod, the Board of Directors, members of the Fiscal office, and various board representatives, met at St. Louis, Sept. 24 to 25. Dr. Arthur Brunn was reelected chairman of the conference, and Dr. Lawrence Meyer served as secretary.

It is the annual task of this conference, sometimes also called the conscience of Synod in money matters, to evaluate the willingness and ability of our Church members to support the Gospel in the following year.

This year's conference, in setting the 1948 budget, took into consideration particularly the present world upheaval, the prevalent economic conditions, the challenging opportunities today for the Lutheran Church, and the ability of our people to give.

The conference in its deliberations was very cautious. Many thousands of dollars were deducted from various department budgets, not arbitrarily, but after much thought. It was not the first time that this body has been confronted with the problem of cutting budgets, but it was the first time that any Fiscal Conference found itself, despite all slashes and curtailments, with a final budget that approached the four million mark.

In all the one hundred years of Synod's history no budget has ever exceeded the three-million mark. But then, in all the past hundred years, the Lord has never presented so many opportunities to His people as in the first year of the second century. Every one of the synodical and District officials at the conference, therefore, was confident that if the urgent need of our world today — the vast mission opportunities, huge education possibilities — were clearly presented to the Christians of the Missouri Synod, so great a budget would readily be met.

North and South American Missions
($575,000)

Predominant in Synod's mission work was the word "expansion." On our home mission front challenging opportunities confront the Church everywhere. But because the number of graduates for 1948 is limited, a careful restudy of the home mission field is necessary to see where amalgamation may be effected or where transfer of a missionary to a more important field may be of best interest to the Kingdom. Though we are entering the second century of home missions, there are still quite a number of large cities, not to mention the many rural territories, where there is no Lutheran Church of any kind.

Many doors are open also to our Church in South America, particularly in new fields, such as Guatemala and Mexico, where new missions have already been opened by us. For the entire South American Mission Program $184,359 have been allocated.

Deaf Missions
($75,000)

By snodical resolutions the Board for the Deaf and the Blind has been divided. This has been done in order to achieve greater mission possibilities for both boards. A considerable per cent of the amount assigned to the Deaf Mission Board is to cover traveling expenses of twenty-four missionaries doing work all over the United States.

Blind Missions
($13,000)

Much of the amount allocated to the Board for Blind Missions will be relegated to the publishing of the *Messenger*, the *Herald*, a children's magazine, and devotional booklets — all of which are printed either in Moon or Braille type.

Negroes in North America
($110,000)

The Negro population in America is moving more and more toward the Northern States. Our future work among these missions is, therefore, to be concentrated more in that section of the country. A recent survey of the various Districts indicates that ten Districts (nine Missouri Synod, one Wisconsin Synod) have tentatively taken over the supervision of the Negro churches within the areas, pending ratification of the respective District convention in 1948. More Districts are expected to work along this program of integration so that greater work may be carried out among the Negroes.

African Missions
($57,000)

Missionaries in Africa are working under considerable handicaps. A shortage of ministers is still apparent. For example, we have twelve American and two native workers taking care of eighty-three churches; also, native teachers and evangelists instructing 4,567 children in sixty-seven schools. It is hoped that such circumstances will soon be changed. One step along this line has already been contemplated in that the 1948 budget provides for new missionary cars, wherewith workers may more readily visit outlying areas.

Foreign Missions
($550,000)

In general the totals requested by the various boards were higher than in previous years. One reason for this was the general rise in prices all over the world in food, medical care, transportation, etc. Our Foreign Mission Board, when setting its budget, had to keep these problems in mind. The greatest problem, however, at the present time is supplying enough missionaries for the various fields. In the Philippine Islands, where we have now nine men stationed, many promising opportunities beckon our Church. Japan has offered various avenues whereby the Gospel may be brought to the Nipponese. New Guinea in conjunction with the Australian Synod needs our help. China, finally after many years, offers many open doors. India more than ever before has fields white unto the harvest.

Emergency Planning Council

By Centennial Convention resolution $2,500,000 are to be raised for 1947—48 relief in Europe. This item, however, is not to come out of the regular budget, but is to be raised by our congregations through a "Units for Europe" plan. After a brief analysis by Dr. F. E. Mayer as to the work of our Church in Central Europe, with its physical and spiritual relief, the conference approved the "Units for Europe" plan, which is to be set into effect throughout our Synod in the early fall of 1947.

Pension and Support
($574,000)

According to synodical resolutions the Board of Support and Pensions was given the approval to increase the support of retired pastors and teachers to $60 and the support of widows to $30. The Pension Fund is growing continuously and has at the present time a reserve of almost five million dollars.

(To be concluded)

Promote Christ-Centered Education

By ARTHUR L. MILLER, Executive Secretary, Board for Parish Education

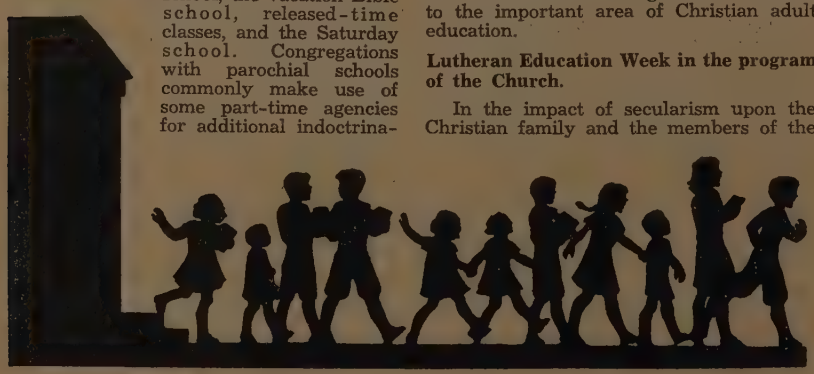
The fourth annual observance of Lutheran Education Week (suggested for Nov. 9—15) presents to every congregation in Synod and to every member of our Church the challenging slogan "Promote Christ-centered education." The mandate to provide such Christian education is contained in the great commission of Jesus "Make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). Obedience to the Savior's command requires that we develop a program that will provide Christian education for all our members from infancy through adulthood.

The little ones.

Jesus commands, Matt. 19:14: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." These words of our Savior should remind us that the pre-school years are important for Christian education. Do we have an effective program for these years that will teach our little children to know their Savior? This is a question that must concern all Christian parents and every Christian congregation. The responsibility of Christian parents for the Christian education of their children is particularly heavy in the pre-school years. Congregations can offer guidance that will give effective assistance to parents in this important area of Christian education. "Promote Christ-centered Education" suggests that we examine the provisions we have made for the Christian training of our pre-school children and that we improve the program wherever possible. New materials have recently been produced for use in this area. Lutheran Education Week provides a convenient opportunity to plan to make use of these materials.

They are growing up.

At the elementary level home and church are to provide additional opportunities for the Christian education of their children. This is a period of remarkable growth for children, but our children are to grow spiritually as well as physically, mentally, and socially. Spiritual growth requires daily spiritual nourishment. Our best means of providing spiritual nourishment is the parochial school. Congregations that do not as yet maintain parochial schools must make the best possible use of the part-time agencies: the Sunday school, the vacation Bible school, released-time classes, and the Saturday school. Congregations with parochial schools commonly make use of some part-time agencies for additional indoctrination of the children who attend the parochial school, for children of members who do not attend the school, and also for mission prospects. Merely to have a parochial school or various part-time agencies in the congregation, however, is not enough; we must expand and improve these agencies of Christian education wherever possible. "Promote Christ-centered Education" suggests that we remind ourselves of the high standards which God sets for us in Christian education, for He says, Deut. 6:6-7: "These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children."



Now they are young people.

Christian education is necessary also for the youth of the church. The Apostle Paul admonished us in Col. 2:6-7: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him and stablished in the faith as ye have been taught." Our children have indeed come to saving faith in Jesus through Baptism, and they have been strengthened in that faith through instruction at home and at school. Confirmation is not, however, "graduation" from religious education. Our youth have need for further instruction in God's Word and for further guidance in Christian living. "Promote Christ-centered Education" suggests that Christian parents and Christian congregations try to improve their propram of Christian education for the youth of the Church. Lutheran high schools are receiving increasing recognition as the best means of providing Christian education for the youth of the Church. More Bible classes, more effective Bible classes, and better-attended Bible classes must also receive consideration.

At the adult level.

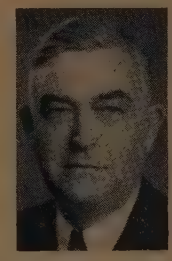
The congregational program of Christian education involves also the adults. In Col. 1:10, we read: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Every adult member of the congregation should ask himself the serious question: Is my knowledge of God increasing or decreasing? Every congregation must face the problem of providing more adult Bible classes and of giving guidance in the study of God's Word. "Promote Christ-centered Education" means we should give attention also to the important area of Christian adult education.

Lutheran Education Week in the program of the Church.

In the impact of secularism upon the Christian family and the members of the Church there is danger that our God-given responsibilities for Christian education are ignored or given scant attention. Lutheran Education Week provides a special time to review these responsibilities and to encourage one another to assist in expanding and improving our work of Christian education. God will richly bless such concern for carrying out His educational directives. When we "promote Christ-centered education," we ensure the spiritual growth of our members, young and old.

In Memoriam

Mr. H. Hackstedde of Cincinnati departed this life on Aug. 31, and Christian burial was given him from Our Savior's Church on Sept. 3. His pastor, the Rev. Emil C. F. Hartmann, delivered an address on Rom. 8:28, a text which had always been a favorite of the deceased.



Herbert H. Hackstedde, born in Omaha Sept. 17, 1891, became a resident of Cincinnati when his father accepted the call to Concordia Lutheran Church of that city as teacher. He became co-founder of the Century Machine Co., manufacturers of bakers' equipment and machinery, which expanded into a large business. He served on the Board of Trustees of Valparaiso University soon after our Church acquired the school and more recently became a charter member of Lutheran Men in America and was actively interested in the Federation of Lutheran Clubs. He served his congregation in many offices, also as president and as teacher of the adult Bible class.

We know Mr. Hackstedde as one of those rare men who "used this world as not abusing it," "they that buy, as though they possessed not," 1 Cor. 7:30. A man of great ability and business acumen, one of the leaders in Cincinnati's industrial life, his heart interest was in his church, and his favorite occupation, to which all his interest in business, politics, and social life was secondary, was the study of God's Word. His idea of a perfect evening was to sit down with some recent theological work and read it critically. He acquired enough New Testament Greek to judge intelligently of the merits of current theological literature and synodical discussions. He maintained Christian cheerfulness and fortitude during his long fatal illness.

Mr. Hackstedde was married to Miss Emily Hader, who shared his interests. The union was blessed with two children.

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Lutheran Hospital Association

Formation of a Lutheran Hospital Association was proposed at a one-day conference held at St. Louis on Sept. 18 of officials representing 25 of the 87 Lutheran hospitals in America.

The association, it was said, will be a free conference, non-administrative in function, and will be under the auspices of the Division of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council, which sponsored the meeting here.

Development of standards for Lutheran hospitals and for chaplaincy service in hospitals will be one of the aims of the association, which will meet annually at a convenient time.

Temporary officers were named to serve as an organization committee, with E. I. Erickson, manager of the Augustana Hospital in Chicago, Ill., as president. E. C. Moeller (Missouri Synod), superintendent of Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., was named vice-president, and Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, executive secretary of the N. L. C.'s Division of Welfare, secretary-treasurer. It is expected that a meeting to organize the association will be held in February or March of next year.

The conference of Lutheran Hospitals was held before the meeting of the American Protestant Hospital Association, in which Lutheran hospital managers and chaplains took an active part. The Rev. Granger Westburg, chaplain at Augustana Hospital in Chicago, was elected president of the Chaplaincy Section of the Protestant Association. — *N. L. C. News Bureau.*

Evening Star

The day is ended. Twilight's curtain
Is draped o'er field and lea. Afar,
Low in the west, in radiant beauty,
Appears the lovely evening star.
It paces the celestial highway
With noiseless tread; its mellow light,
In silence now to earth descending,
Falls gently on the brow of night.

As all around the hills are sleeping
And birds have sung their evening lay,
I ponder on the age-long question
Of yesteryear and yesterday:
Who keeps thee in thy orb? What power,
Unseen, O Star, is guiding thee
Across the vast expanse of heaven?
Whose hand controls thy destiny?

Thou Evening Star! I know the answer:
Thy Maker's wise and powerful hand
Upholds and guides thee as thou goest
Now thine appointed way. He has planned
And set thy course for thee to travel
'Cross far-extending, endless sky,
Above far climes and distant regions
That o'er the dark horizon lie.

And now thy course is done. Serenely
Art thou approaching the gates of night.
What message, beauteous Star of Evening,
Hast thou, as fades thy mellow light?
"A joyous trust and peaceful feeling
Enfold thy soul. God shows my way;
He will, through the unknown tomorrows,
Direct thy feet from day to day."

St. Louis, Mo. JOHN M. RUNGE

Concordia Seminary Springfield, Ill.

Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., began its 102d school year on Sept. 10. Because of the many students and guests present the opening service was conducted on the campus, Pres. G. Christian Barth, D. D., addressing the gathering on "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us."

The report of the registrar, Prof. M. H. Coyner, shows that eighty-four new students are present at the Springfield institution. The total enrollment, including twenty-four students who are doing field work, is 263, the majority of those enrolled being veterans of World War II.

Three assistants have been engaged to help the faculty of ten members to instruct the classes: Mr. E. Hackmann, the Rev. Geo. Klein, and the Rev. E. Pautsch. W. A. B.

The Book Divine

It is a food that satisfies;
It is the door to Paradise;
It is my staff on life's rough way;
It is my sword in every fray;
It is my compass when at sea;
It is the truest friend to me;
It is a clear, refreshing well;
It barricades the gates of hell.
It is my sun that warms by day;
It is my light when dark my way;
It is a haven where I rest;
It is a priceless treasure chest.
It is a charming voice to me
When bowed down in adversity;
It is the guide that leads me on
Beyond the sunset to the dawn.

Tucson, Ariz. MARIE C. TURK

From a Pocket Notebook

Redeemer Church at St. Paul has inaugurated work in six Bible classes — two for adults, conducted by the Pastors Herbert Lindemann and C. B. Peters, one for young people, and one for each confirmation class of 1945, '46, and '47, conducted by members of the congregation. . . . The Rev. and Mrs. Theo. Melinat of Howard Lake, Minn., were recently presented with a new car and a 20-per-cent raise in salary. . . . And when our people at La Grange, Mo., desired that their pastor, the Rev. Paul Beinke, purchase a new car, the congregation presented him with a blank check. . . . "The members of Mount Olive Congregation in Milwaukee contributed an average of $40 per communicant member last year. This includes men, women, and confirmed children. This amount is the largest among those congregations in our District which have a membership of over 1,000 communicant members." South Wisconsin edition L. W. (The Rev. H. Brueggeman is pastor of Mount Olive Church.) . . . All the consistent and consecrated labor devoted the past few years to the cause of the Christian day school in the Atlantic District is beginning to show in the statistics. There were in this area only nine day schools in 1941, and the number today is 20. . . . The Oregon and Washington District edition of the LUTHERAN WITNESS in its current issue gives a marvelous account of the vacation Bible schools operated during the past summer. Emphasis is placed on the fact that the children themselves contributed much to the growth of many of the schools. "Longview, Wash., neglected no possible avenue of publicity, but counted only 24 on the first day. Then, writes Pastor S. Schroeder, the school was 'converted into a missionary society, and the enrollment started climbing till it reached 77 — the most extended missionary movement I have ever witnessed.' Non-members made up 45 of the total." . . . In the reports from all our Districts the fact that non-Lutherans made up a large portion of the enrollment stands out as a testimony to the "Each One Reach One" pledge of last January. . . . In North Dakota our congregations are featuring large-scale signs on the country highways. At Bismarck, Highway 83 has a sign on which, besides the lettering, two crosses glow at night when reflecting the headlights. Zion Church has two other signs on the highway. . . . At the meeting of Lutheran editors in Columbus last month the feature was a panel discussion of the relation of the Church to union labor, in which the opposing points of view were represented by the editor of a CIO paper published in Cincinnati and by Mr. Leo Reinartz (A. L. C.), manager of American Rolling Mill, Middletown, Ohio. The opening sentence of Mr. Reinartz' address made a deep impression: "Christian principles can be carried into the management of a steel mill. I have seen it done for 39 years." . . . In a roster of Bible classes arranged by Districts we find that Texas and Southeastern are at the top. . . . There is still much land to be possessed. The figures show that in one District there are 60 congregations without an adult Bible class. . . . Suggestions are continuing to come from remote areas of the Synod drawing our attention to the details of the Chicago convention which have helped imprint it so indelibly on the memory. The work of John Rieck, who struggled manfully to get a large children's choir together during the summer (when many youngsters are at camp), and of Carl Halter, who played the service on a Hammond under trying situations in a churchly and masterly fashion, should not be forgotten. . . . In some of our Kansas congregations complete insurance coverage on the car used in the church's business is placed on the annual budget. . . . Requests continue to reach us almost every week for the publication of some announcement of memorial, anniversary, and dedication services. Even if we had the weekly LUTHERAN WITNESS which was requested of Synod at its recent convention, we could not accommodate announcements of future events except those authorized by Synod itself, the meetings of our Districts and of pastors' and teachers' conferences. This is a church body of more than 5,000 congregations. . . . Regarding our losses during World War I Secretary A. C. Stellhorn reminds us that many of these were on paper only. "About the year 1916 the Minnesota District was credited with about 260 *'Gemeindeschulen,'* when in reality it had only 124. Those 90 'parochial schools' closed in this District in a single year were not regular schools, but part-time agencies, which were all-German, teaching the German language and religion in German. They were summer schools. The Atlantic District was at that time credited with 62 parochial schools, but it had only 24; the rest, remarkably enough, were all Saturday schools." . . . Some summer resorters take into their vacation an interest in spiritual things. At Clear Lake, Ind., our Lutheran visitors have organized an association and have built a chapel. Dr. Polack had a total attendance of 3,800 in 12 services during the summer in the church, which holds 150, with 150 chairs placed on the outside at every service.

G.

Uncle Joe's Corner

"What your father says of satanic powers is true and very important to be kept in mind. There is a passage in the Bible which warns us against following those who through superstition or in order to support false doctrine bring about signs and wonders. It is this: 'If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,' Deut. 13:1-3."

"Uncle, now that I have heard these facts, I think that I can convince some of my fellow students of their error. I am eager to try these arguments on them."

"However, my boy, remember this, even though you have cured someone of some superstition, you have not thereby made a Christian of him. We do not produce Christians by convincing anyone of the folly of his superstitions. A person is brought to faith in his Savior by being convinced of his sin and God's wrath, and then shown the only Savior from sin, the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Do you mean to say, Uncle, that the disproving of erroneous notions is of no value?"

"No, I do not mean to say that. It is very good to knock the false props from under the poor deluded soul. But then we must also show him the true support of faith in the Word of God, which shows us Jesus Christ the Savior."

"Uncle, I have tried to speak to some about the teaching of the Bible, but so far I have met with no success which I could see."

"Remember, Charlie, we are to plant and to water, but God must give the increase. It is often our pride which causes us to look for results."

"I fear that I lack the skill to defend my position."

"It is a good plan, if we are weak in convincing speech, to give a good tract which explains the matter or proves our position."

"Where could I find such tracts?"

"The firm which has always supplied me with what I needed is Concordia Publishing House of St. Louis, Mo. However, best of all, I have found, is to induce the doubter to read the Bible. The Word of God is still a living seed and a leaven of truth."

"I have certainly found that out in noting its effect upon myself. But many do not admit that the Bible is so effective."

"Remember, Charlie, that the Bible calls the Word of God a sword. If one doubts the efficacy of a sword, there is a way to let him feel it. That is what we are to do with the Word of God, run it into him, that is, let him read or hear it; it will demonstrate its power."

"You are right Uncle, I shall do just that — urge my friends to read the Word and discover its force for themselves.

"You need but remember the method of Saint Paul. He could have spoken with excellency of speech or of wisdom, but he determined to preach and to teach the simple plain Gospel of Jesus."

"Of course, Uncle, Paul did not escape the scoffers. If I recall correctly, the Athenians called him a babbler."

"True, that is what all who testify to the truth of Christ must expect — opposition, ridicule, and at times even persecution. But do not forget, today you may go to this selfsame city of Athens where the worshipers of Zeus called Paul a babbler, and you will see the temple of Zeus in ruins, but in the place of idol temples you will see Christian churches."

"Uncle, you speak just like our pastor; he tells us that we must have patience; the seed of the Word does not always show immediate fruit. He quotes the words of Paul: 'We walk by faith, not by sight.'"

"My boy, think of Luther's testimony. He was excommunicated by the Pope; he was outlawed by the emperor; but today the Bible to which he called the attention of his fellow men and which he translated for the common people has been translated into more than one thousand languages and has become the best seller among English books."

"Uncle, while we speak of the Bible, I wish to ask a few questions about that book."

"Ask on, I shall be glad to answer if I know the answer; and when I do not know, I shall be frank to tell you so."

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

John Henry Witte (d. Sept. 18, 1947) was born in Galion, Ohio, Aug. 3, 1871, son of the Rev. John H. and Louise (Lueker) Witte. When he was four years old, his father accepted a call to Fowler, Mich., where he received his elementary education. After his confirmation in 1883 he entered Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., and completed his college work at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind. He received his theological training at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and was graduated in 1892. On Sept. 9 of the same year he was ordained in San Francisco, Calif., by the sainted J. M. Buehler. A few weeks later he took over his first charge at Portland, Oreg. In 1897 he went to Alameda, Calif., remaining there ten years. In 1907 he became pastor of St. John's Church, Hannibal, Mo. Here he served until 1917, when he moved to Grace Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Three years later, having become somewhat hard of hearing, he took up the work of an Institutional Missionary, serving in Chicago and Cook Co., Ill. Since 1927 he has been the director and superintendent of child welfare work for the Lutheran Children's Friend Society of Michigan, whose home and office are in Bay City. At the time of his death he had rounded out exactly twenty years of service in this capacity. For a number of years he served on the Board of the Associated Lutheran Charities and was business manager for its publications, particularly *Good News*, a paper distributed in hospitals by missionaries and pastors. He also took a very active part in bringing about the organizing of the Federated Lutheran Charities within the Michigan District of Synod. He died Thursday, Sept. 18, at 4:15 P. M., after an operation on that morning in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor, Mich., reaching the age of 76 years, one month, 15 days. He served in the ministry 55 years, having celebrated his golden anniversary of ordination in Immanuel Church, Bay City, Mich., in September, 1942.

He leaves his wife, Augusta, nee Velde, with whom he was united in holy wedlock in St. Louis, Mo., June 26, 1894, two sons, one of whom, the Rev. Edgar F. Witte, is Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Charities of Cook Co., Ill., one daughter, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, five sisters, and three brothers. Funeral services were conducted in Immanual Church, Bay City, Mich., of which he was a member, Saturday, Sept. 20. The undersigned delivered the sermon. The Rev. Theo. Wuggazer, Sr., was the liturgist. President Zeile of the Michigan District expressed the sympathy of the District. The Rev. Lawson Knight, vice-president of the Children's Friend Society, spoke on behalf of the board of the society. After this service the body was taken to Chicago, Ill., where another service was conducted in Bethany Church by the Rev. Karl G. Schlerf. The Rev. Henry Wind of Buffalo, N. Y., spoke on behalf of the Associated Lutheran Charities. Interment was made in St. Luke's Cemetery, Chicago. THEO. STIEGEMEYER

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Lutheran Education, Vol. 83, No. 1, 64 pages. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. Annual subscription price, $2.50.

This is in new format and typography our old friend the *Lutheran School Journal*, now expanded to serve the interests of not only the parish school and Sunday school, but also of our endeavors in the field of higher education. In keeping with this expanded program we find a contribution by Secretary Martin J. Neeb of the Board for Higher Education and a discussion of the teaching of history in a democracy by Prof. A. M. Rehwinkel. This in addition to a contribution on the educational highlights of the Centennial convention by Secretary Kramer, and a full quota of book reviews and music reviews. Concordia Publishing House has fairly outdone itself in the beauty and appropriateness of the typesetting. A notable list of associates are listed with Professors Kuehnert, Klinck, and Gross in the editorial masthead. G.

Sursum Corda, Vol. 9, No. 4, 2050 Stanford Ave., St. Paul 5, Minn. $2.50 per year.

We reviewed this magazine nine years ago, when its first issue appeared, and are happy to see it enter upon its tenth volume. This issue continues a program of articles and reviews in support of churchly music, all of it written by men who are experts in the field. Bound in with each issue are five or six anthems for choir, the product of various music publishers, also Concordia Publishing House. A subscription to your teacher or choir director would make a fine Christmas gift. G.

Music

The following eight compositions are published by The H. W. Gray Co., Inc.

Harmony at the Keyboard. By Willard Irving Nevins and Viola Lang. $2.50.

A book "to develop fluency in the harmonization at the keyboard of melodies and unfigured bases, and give a fundamental harmonic preparation for the art of improvisation." Essential.

Thanksgiving Music. Compiled by John Holler. $1.50.

Six compositions on hymns often sung at the Harvest and Thanksgiving service.

Siciliano. By J. S. Bach. Arranged for organ and piano by Adolph Steuermann. $1.25.

More and more instrumental music is heard in our churches. The lovely Siciliano from the second sonata for flute and clavier is an easy and charming number for the above two instruments.

De Profundis Clamavi. By August Maeckelberghe. $1.25.

Twelve pages of good organ music for a concert.

Two Pieces. 1. Pastoral Symphony ("Messiah"). 2. March (Scipio). By G. F. Handel. 50 cents.

Both easy and useful numbers.

Fugue a la Gigue. By D. Buxtehude. 60 cents.

A very good number for a postlude or concerts by Bach's great predecessor.

Fugue in G Major (Fugue a la Gigue). By J. S. Bach. 50 cents.

Another great number for postlude or concert.

Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor (The Great). By J. S. Bach. 75 cents.

One of Bach's mightiest organ numbers. W. WISMAR

Chorale Prelude ("Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ"). By Eric De Lamarter. 60 cents.

Mr. De Lamarter's ability as a composer is known to many American musicians. His *Chorale Prelude* is sober in its conception and deserves being used by our Lutheran organists. It is of medium difficulty.

Messiah. An Oratorio by George Fr. Handel. Edited by J. M. Coopersmith. Vocal Score, $1.25; the Christmas Section, $1.00; the Choruses only, 75 cents.

We have here a new edition of the world's most famous and most popular oratorio. Mr. Coopersmith based his edition on original sources and included a very valuable Preface, which contains much valuable information. He added also an Appendix, in which are to be found various versions of various portions of the oratorio. One must marvel at the painstaking work done by the editor; every conductor who undertakes to conduct the *Messiah* should study Mr. Coopersmith's edition and profit thereby. Much abuse crept into the performances of this great opus already in the days of Handel. Since only a slight difference in cost is involved, we suggest that the vocal score be purchased. W. BUSZIN

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained:

Angle, John Samuel, in Luther Memorial Church, Richmond Heights, Mo., as chaplain of the Federal Correctional Institution at Englewood, Colo., by E. C. Zimmermann, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Bentrup, Waldo W., in Bethlehem Congregation, Annandale, Minn., by H. E. Bentrup, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 17.

Birner, Charles R., in St. John's Congregation, Mattoon, Ill., by E. T. J. Birner, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.

Ruff, Jack Herbert, in Redeemer Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by A. T. Tong, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 13.

Voss, Theophil H., in Holy Cross Congregation, Saginaw, Mich., by K. Voss, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

Ordained and Commissioned:

Hass, LeRoy, in Zion Church, Manning, Iowa, as missionary in China by J. M. Ansorge, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.

Heilman, Carl, in Trinity Church, Ardmore, Okla., as missionary in Oklahoma District by J. F. Schulz, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.

Jensen, William, in Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Schenectady, N. Y., as missionary at large, Atlantic District, by K. Schleede, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.

Kollmeyer, Arthur, as missionary in Texas City, Tex., in St. John's Church, Galveston, Tex., by A. C. Diers, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.

Luessenhop, Elmer O., as missionary at large in Rock Springs, Wyo., by W. A. Meyer, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 24.

Plagens, Robert, in St. Stephanus Church, St. Paul, Minn., as missionary in the Philippine Islands by O. H. Schmidt, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Witt, Elmer, as missionary at large in Southern California by R. G. Finke at Barstow, Calif., 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

Ordained and Installed:

Brutlag, Allen, in Salem Lutheran Congregation, Salem, Ill., by W. Timm, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 24.

Fisher, Walter F., in Concordia Lutheran Congregation, Kirkwood, Mo., as assistant pastor, by K. R. Hoffmann, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.

Fitz, Edwin V., as assistant pastor in Our Savior Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by E. H. Buchheimer, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

Geist, Carl T., in St. Paul's Congregation, Paterson, N. J., as assistant pastor, by A. G. Dick, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Hildebrandt, John, in St. John's Congregation, Vegreville, and St. Paul's Church, Manville, Alta., Can., by E. G. Wildgrube, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.

Klopf, Richard, in Grace Lutheran Congregation, Teaneck, N. J., as assistant pastor, by Theo. W. Beiderwieden, Sept. 13.

Schultz, Gordon, in Bethany Congregation, Fort Saskatchewan, and Faith Congregation, Chipman, Alta., Can., by A. J. Mueller, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.

Spomer, Norman, in Peace Lutheran Church, Spring Valley, Sask., Can., by E. H. Schmiege, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 17.

Wiederhoft, Clair A., as missionary in Port Arthur, Tex., by A. Rathjen, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Zagel, Richard C., in Trinity Lutheran Congregation, Rochfort Bridge, Alta., Can., by W. A. Raedeke, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

PASTORS

Installed:

Dueker, H. E., in Trinity Church, Shenandoah, Iowa, by J. M. Ansorge, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Durdel, K. J., in St. Paul's Congregation, Flaxton, and St. John's Congregation, Larson, N. Dak., by A. T. Kellerman, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 28.

Eggert, Fred T., in Trinity Congregation, Henderson, Ky., by W. Brauer, July 12.

Essig, Raymond A., in Immanuel Congregation, Jamison, Nebr., by W. Winkler, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 28.

Frank, Victor E., in Trinity Church, Blue Hill, Nebr., by M. W. Tiemann, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.

Gnuse, W. W., as missionary in Lakeview, Mich., by A. P. Marutz, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

Heckmann, Paul W., in St. Paul's Congregation, Wilson, Tex., by K. W. Keller, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.

Herzog, John L., in Christ Congregation, Hillsboro, Tex., by E. A. Heckmann, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

Hoffmann, Ben G., in Holy Cross Congregation, San Antonio, Tex., by R. Wiederaenders, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Horn, O. H., in St. Luke's Congregation, Olney, Tex., by J. A. Birnbaum, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Kabelitz, R. W., in St. John's Congregation, Vincent, Iowa, by E. Lehne, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 28.

Keturakat, C. W., in St. Paul's Congregation, Texhoma, Okla., by J. F. Schulz, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Keturakat, Wm., in Immanuel Congregation, Pleasant Grove, Mo., by F. A. Baepler, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.

Krahn, Walter, in Trinity Church, Cole Camp (Mount Hulda), Mo., by O. C. Jagels, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

Krause, Edward C., as associate pastor in Bethlehem Church, St. Louis, Mo., by Ed. A. Krause, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Maassel, Paul F., as missionary in Sarles, N. Dak., by H. Braun, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Mikolon, Theo. W., in St. Mark's Congregation, West Henrietta, N. Y., by H. E. Plehn, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.

Mirly, H. H., in Redeemer Church, Gillespie, Ill., by M. J. Schliebe, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Mix, C. Ed., in St. John's Congregation, Plato, Minn., by L. T. Wohlfeil, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Mueller, Theodore J., in Emmaus Church, Milwaukee, Wis., by V. M. Selle, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Rathgeber, E. R., in Zion Church, Vernon Tex., by J. A. Birnbaum, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.
Schaller, Arnold C., in St. Paul's Congregation, Wittenberg, Mo., by G. W. Hafner, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.
Schedler, Paul, Jr., in Zion Church, Wayside, Wis., by G. F. Barthel, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Schelter, H. J., in St. John's Congregation and Trinity Congregation, Cypress, Tex., by A. P. H. Koehler, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.
Schulz, David, in the Oakshela parish, Sask., Can., by W. A. Busse, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.
Seboldt, Roland H. A., as assistant pastor in Trinity Church, Alton, Ill., by P. Juergensen, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Selle, Victor M., in Emmaus Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by F. F. Selle, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Stegemann, H. C., in Trinity Congregation, St. Francis, Kans., by E. H. Martens, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.
Stelter, Herbert, in Immanuel Congregation, Hinckley, Ill., by R. H. Bekemeier, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 17.
Threinen, Reinhold, in Immanuel Congregation, Calgary, Alta., Can., by A. F. Miller, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Wangerin, Arnold T., in Nazareth Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by Ewald Plass, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

TEACHERS

Installed:

Alpers, George C., in St. John's Congregation, Claremont, Minn., by W. H. Schramm, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 28.
Amt, Arthur L., as executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education in the North Wisconsin District, in Immanuel Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., by Arthur F. Fergin, Sept. 25.
Arnst, Elmer, in St. Paul's Congregation, Melrose Park, Ill., by P. L. Kluender, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.
Bachmann, Paul, in St. John's Congregation, New Haven, Mich., by F. W. Bublitz, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.
Baden, Walter A., in Bethlehem Congregation, near Altamont, Ill., by W. L. Stellwagen, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.
Becker, Cand. Emil A., in Peace Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by F. J. T. Frese, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 13.
Becker, Gerold, in St. Peter's Congregation, St. Johns, Mich., by F. Coellner, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Borkenhagen, M. H., in St. Trinity Congregation, Pontiac, Mich., by Walter Strandes, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.
Brenner, W. M., in St. Luke's Congregation, Kansas City, Kans., by H. A. Nothnagel, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Brott, Victor, in St. Matthew's Congregation, Rochester, N. Y., by H. E. Plehn, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 24.
Busse, Walter C., in Zion Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by A. W. Radtke, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Clasen, Winfred C., in Immanuel Congregation, Brownton, Minn., by Gerhard Schmidt, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 31.
Dosien, Robert P., in Immanuel Congregation, Giddings, Tex., by Max Studtmann, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 24.
Erxleben, Arnold C., in St. Paul's Congregation, Melrose Park, Ill., by P. L. Kluender, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.
Ewald, U. R., in Trinity Congregation, Centralia, Ill., by J. P. Uhlig, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 17.
Fischer, Robert, in First Lutheran Congregation, Little Rock, Ark., by E. W. Callies, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Gade, Cand. Herbert, in First Immanuel Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by E. H. Meinzen, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Gade, Hugo W., in St. John's Congregation, La Porte, Ind., by M. E. Reinke, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

China Missions

Commissioned:

Meier, Dorothy, as secretary for China Missions in St. John's Congregation, Arnold, Mo., by O. H. Schmidt, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 28.

Dedications

Covington, Ky. The new organ of Bethany Congregation (G. C. Schramm), 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Lincoln, Nebr. The new church of Redeemer Congregation (M. J. Tassler), 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.

Cornerstone Laying

Anoka, Minn. Mount Olive Congregation (A. Schulz) laid the cornerstone for a new church, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.
Onawa, Iowa. First Lutheran Congregation (P. G. Friedrich) laid the cornerstone for an enlarged church, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.

Anniversaries

(25th, 50th, 75th, 100th)

Deerbrook, Wis. St. Matthew's Congregation (P. G. Mueller) the 50th, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 14.
Joplin, Mo. Immanuel Congregation (P. Von Dielingen) the 50th, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 7.
Ohio City, Ohio. St. Thomas Congregation (Aug. Gerken) the 100th, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 24.
Rochelle, Ill. St. Paul's Congregation (O. H. Linnemeier) the 50th, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 21.

Conference Meetings

Pastors':

South Minnetonka, Oct. 22, 23, Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. Exegesis on Galatians: A. Streufert. Mode of Baptism: O. H. Dorn. Was Faith a Prerequisite for Jesus' Performance of Miracles? R. Koepp. Samuel a Pattern for Pastors: H. von Gemmingen. Catechism Questions: E. Schwandt. How the New Testament Canon was Established: H. Bouman. A Treasury of Bible Passages for Sick Visits: W. Melahn. Objections to the Lutheran Hour Answered: R. Arndt. Highlights from Brown's *The Art of Preaching*: J. Spomer. Pastoral sermon: H. W. Brill (A. Vomhof). Communion address: F. Geske (M. Pape). — A. C. Mack, *Secretary*.

Teachers':

Kansas District Teachers Conference, Nov. 5—7, St. John's Church, Topeka, Kans. All teachers (permanent, temporary, and teaching pastors) are invited to attend. Please announce to Mr. G. H. Greffe, 123 Fillmore St., Topeka, Kans.

South and East Michigan, Oct. 24, St. John Church, Adrian, E. F. Manske, pastor. Gen. 3 and 4: John Baden. Report from Superintendent: S. J. Roth — E. W. Haack. Teaching of Science: H. H. Gross. Centennial Convention Report: M. C. Grueber. — Kermit C. Meyer, *Sec.*, 7047 Tireman Ave., Detroit 4, Mich.

Announcements

Several male graduates of River Forest, possibly six, will be eligible for calls in November. Diplomas of vocation should be in the hands of the District Presidents by Oct. 22 and sent in by these to School Secretary A. C. Stellhorn for registration by Oct. 27. — W. F. Lichtsinn, *Chairman of Teacher Placement Committee*.

Rev. Lothar Braeunig, 1914 Pleasant St., Knoxville, Iowa, has been appointed Visitor of the Victor Circuit of the Iowa District East in place of Rev. R. W. Kabelitz, who accepted a call into another District. — C. Hesse, *President*, Iowa District East.

Request

Anyone knowing of Lutherans in or about Victorville, Calif., please notify Elmer N. Witt, Box 232, Barstow, Calif.

Wanted

Any congregation having copies of the regular edition of black *Hymn-Books* but having no further use for them please contact Rev. H. Treit, 1033 Victoria Ave., Regina, Sask., Can.

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